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1. Renewed friction has occurred between the employees' labor union (BGL) of the East German News Agency (ADN) and the personnel division. Under the leadership of Kaempf (fnu), the personnel director, the entire personnel division follows a policy line objectionable to the union. Thus, new employees, whose professional qualifications are dubious, are engaged because they are members of the Socialist Unity Party (SED). On the other hand, there are dismissals without notice and for no valid reason. The BGL has no voice in the matter of appointments, but according to the Chemnitz Resolutions it has to be consulted on every dismissal. From this situation disputes arise continually.
2. After an especially flagrant case of such a dismissal, the BGL complained directly to Hansen (fnu) and demanded that Kaempf be reprimanded. At a meeting of the directorate (Hansen, Schreiber, Kahane, Kaempf) with delegates of the union on 22 January, the dispute became so inflamed that it decided to take it before the next group leaders' meeting of the SED leadership group, where Kaempf should be called upon to justify himself.
3. Tautz, first chairman of the BGL, however, was persuaded that he would be censured by the group leadership. So nothing happened. Kaempf attended the meeting where most of the members remained neutral or took his side.

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